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SUBJ: MAY CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

REF: A. KUWAIT 2118 (NOTAL) B. KUWAIT 2291 (NOTAL)

1. KUWAIT CRUDE PRODUCTION IN MAY WAS THE LOWEST IT HAS BEEN IN MONTHS. TATAL KOC, ARABIAN OIL COMPANY AND AMINOIL PRODUCTION WAS NOT QUITE 60 MILLION BARRELS OR ONLY 1.99 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY. AMINOIL FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT THE COMPANY HAS BEEN PRODUCING AT ABOUT 85,000 BPD. AOC'S PRODUCTION DIPPED TO A RATE OF ABOUT 307,000 BPD OVERALL, OF WHICH HALF IS ATTRIBUTABLE EACH TO KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA. KOC'S TOTAL PRODUCTION IN MAY WAS 52,594,054 BARRELS OR 1.75 MILLION BPD.

2. AOC'S PRODUCTION GOES ALMOST ENTIRELY TO JAPAN. DURING MAY THE LEADING RECIPIENTS OF KOC CRUDE WERE JAPAN (13.3 MILLION BARRELS), NETHERLANDS (11.2 MB), UK (6 MB), SOUTH KOREA (4.6 MB) AND FRANCE (4.3 MB). EXPORTS TO HOLLAND WERE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN NORMAL WHILE EXPORTS TO THE UK WERE LOWER THAN USUAL. NO KUWAITI CRUDE WAS EXPORTED TO THE US.

3. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPEMENT IN MAY, AS REPORTED REFTTEL B, SOME OPPOSITION DEPUTIES HAVE INTRODUCED A MEASURE TO LIMIT OVERALL PRODUCTION TO 1.5 MILLIOM BPD. AS NOTED REFTTEL B SUCH A LIMITATION WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS HERE, AND ON JUNE 14 MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ACTING MINISTER OF OIL ATEEQI SAID IN PARLIMENT THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD NOT ALLOW A REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION TO THE 1.5 MILLION BPD LEVEL. HE DID NOT ELABORATE. IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW FORCEFULLY THE OPPOSITION DEPUTIES WILL PUSH THE ISSUE, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN KEEPING IT ON A MIDDLE BURNER IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS. GOK PROBABLY HOPING IT CAN KEEP ISSUES CONTAINED AT LEAST UNTIL PARLIMENT BREAKS FOR SUMMER REVESS IN NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS GOK WILL PRESENT OIL POLICY STATEMENT TO PARLIMENT LATER THIS WEEK.

4. COMMENT: A POSSIBLE REASON FOR UNUSUALLY LOW PRODUCTION IN MAY IS THAT THERE WERE SOME BAD STORMS DURING THE MONTH THAT MAY HAVE INTERFERRED ENOUGH WITH SHIPPING SCHEDULES TO AFFECT THE MONTH'S PRODUCTION STATISTICS.

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